

Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board Minutes April 25, 2007

The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. (EDT) on April 25, 2007 in Conference Room A of the Indiana Government Conference Center, 402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis by Chairman Robert Carter.

Board members present were Chairman Robert Carter, Vice Chairman John Newman, Julie Donnell, Harry Murphy, William Selm, and Kent Schutte.

Staff members present were Ron McAhron, Shana Kelso, Paul Diebold, Amy Walker, Frank Hurdis, Steve Kennedy, Adrienne Schmetzer, Holly Tate, Miriam Widenhofer, Karie Brudis, and Jennifer Hubbard.

Visitors present were: Barbara McCain, Ralph Walker, Barbara Stodola, Kathryn Knapp, Thomas Meredith, Dick Gantz, George Rapp, David Rice, Connie Weinzapfel, Sheryl Vanderstel, Chris Baas, Joy Minton, Gregory Sekula, Ray Trinkle, Rosemary Trinkle, Mary Kennedy, Dan Hoffman, Patrick Carpenter, Sue Becher Gilliam, James Kienle, Dan Mckyle, Josh Smith, James Glass and Jon Sera.

Chairman Robert Carter called for the approval of the minutes of the January 24, 2007 meeting. Julie Donnell made a motion to approve the minutes. Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it carried.

I. Division Director's Report

Robert Carter recognized the new Division of Historic Preservation and Archeology director, James A. Glass, who will begin work in May. Ron McAhron announced that an agreement had been signed with Indiana Interactive to construct the division's comprehensive database. The target date for completion is sometime in November.

II. Tabled Certificate of Approval from January 24, 2007 meeting

Ron McAhron announced that he received an e-mail from Charlie Bell, Indiana Department of Administration, requesting that the board remove the certificate of approval application for Silvercrest Hospital in New Albany from the agenda.

III. New State Certificates of Approval

1. Application by the Indiana Department of Transportation for a certificate of approval to alter, by dismantling and removing, Bridge 44-73-3332A, Hendricks Township, Shelby County

Mary Kennedy, announced that INDOT is pursuing a new home for the bridge. At this time, Boone County is interested in re-using the bridge on their roadways. INDOT would like to move forward with the process of approval to dismantle the bridge. Mary Kennedy noted that the documentation of the bridge was transferred over to DHPA. Harry Murphy made a motion to approve the certificate. William Selm seconded the motion and it carried. The Board requested INDOT report back with results of the relocation of the bridge to Boone County, if that is the outcome. Mary Kennedy stated INDOT can report back to the Board.

2. Application by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs, for a certificate of approval to alter, by rehabilitation, exterior masonry at the Bronnenberg House, Mounds State Park, Anderson, Madison County

Sue Becher Gillman was available for questions. There was no discussion. John Newman made a motion to approve the certificate. Julie Donnell seconded the motion and it carried.

3. **Application by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and Reservoirs, for a certificate of approval to alter the Mansfield Mill by replicating and installing gutters and downspouts. Mansfield Mill, Raccoon State Recreation Area, Mansfield Parke County**

Paul Diebold stated that no soil disturbance would be necessary. John Newman made a motion to approve the certificate. Julie Donnell seconded the motion and it carried.

4. **Application by the Indiana Department of Administration, Division of Facilities Management for a certificate of approval to alter the roof of the Indiana Statehouse by installing fall arrest posts through the existing roof, Indiana Statehouse, Indianapolis, Marion County**

Jim Kienle, architectural consultant hired by the Department of Administration, presented the project. He announced that there was a revision to the application submitted and it was that there was an addition of some supplementary fall arrest cables. Kienle stated that OSHA requires the cable to run east and west as well as north and south. John Newman asked Mr. Kienle how far back from the exterior wall will the anchors be set back. Julie Donnell made a motion to approve the certificate. Kent Schuette seconded the motion and it carried.

5. **Application by the Indiana Department of Administration, Division of Facilities Management, for a certificate of approval to replace the existing limestone stairs, entry cheek walls, and metal railings at the west entry of the Statehouse, Indianapolis, Marion County**

Frank Hurdis announced that the staff had no additional comments beyond those provided the board. Jim Kienle was available for questions. William Selm asked if the stair rail could be retained. Jim Kienle stated that they were not historic; the stair rail was a part of an early modification but it could be retained if that were the board's wish. William Selm made a motion to have the bronze railings retained and new stair rails installed. John Newman seconded the motion and it carried.

6. **Application by DNR Division of State Parks and Reservoirs, for a certificate of approval to alter by rehabilitation the filled-spandrel arch bridge in Turkey Run State Park, Parke County**

Frank Hurdis announced that the application consisted of a repair of the existing bridge. Joshua D. Smith, representing Butler-Fairman-Seufert, Civil Engineers, was available for questions. Kent Schutte asked whether or not there was standing water on the bridge. Smith indicated that there was no water on the bridge. Harry Murphy made a motion to approve the certificate. William Selm seconded the motion and it carried.

IV. National Register Applications

1. **Jackson Township School Gymnasium; 205 E. Cumberland St., Camden, Carroll Co. (1829)**

Frank Hurdis announced that the staff does not feel that the building qualifies for listing in the National Register. Barbara McCain, a teacher at the school and preparer of the application, asked that the application be forwarded to the National Register for evaluation. Ralph Walker, the township school superintendent, spoke in support of the building. He stated that the gymnasium is unique. Kent Schuette asked about listing on the state register. Hurdis responded that the board could do that but the state register criteria for listing are virtually identical to the National Register criteria. Kent Schutte made a motion to forward the

application onto the National Register and to list the gym in the State Register. Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it carried.

2. Montpelier Carnegie Library, 009-427-02033, Montpelier, Blackford Co. (1861)

Paul Diebold stated that additional information was received and was incorporated into the application. John Newman made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Registers under Criteria A and C. Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it carried.

3. George John Wolf House, 089-090-50100, 7220 Forest Avenue, Hammond, Lake County (1881)

Paul Diebold pointed out that there were a few technical errors that were corrected in the application. Barbara Stodola was available for questions. John Newman made a motion to approve the application for the State and National Registers under Criterion C. Kent Schuette seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Smith Farm, 2698 S. CR 900 E, Plainfield, Hendricks County (1888)

Julie Donnell asked whether or not this property has significance for its role as a working farm. Paul Diebold explained that determining that type of significance would require additional research. Tom Meredith, who prepared the application, stated that he was not sure whether or not he would be able to find the requested information. John Newman suggested he look in the tax records. Kent Schuette made a motion to table the application. Julie Donnell seconded the motion and it carried.

5. John Ross Farm Boundary Amendment, 3815 E. SR 231, Leroy vicinity, Lake County (1897)

Paul Diebold explained that the current owner of the farm would like to add acreage to the boundary of the property. He noted that the additional acreage would not contribute to the significance of the property as it was listed. He indicated that the staff did not recommend approval. William Selm asked about a spur line, and Diebold stated that it was undocumented. John Newman supported Diebold in the decision to not recommend for approval. Diebold stated that additional research would not be useful because it would not establish significance for the additional acreage. Harry Murphy made a motion to deny the boundary adjustment. John Newman seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Central Avenue School, 095-015-49088, 2120 Central Avenue, Anderson, Madison County (1898)

Paul Diebold stated that this was a tax credit project. Julie Donnell made a motion to approve the nomination to the State and National register. Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it carried.

7. Harmony Way Bridge, 129-455-17005, IN SR 14, New Harmony, Posey County (1900)

Frank Hurdis stated that this application involves Indiana and Illinois. He stated that Indiana was the lead state because it received the application first. Dr. David Rice spoke of how the White County, Illinois community supports this application. Dr. Richard Gantz spoke about the unusual nature of the bridge design. Connie Weinzapfel, Director of Historic New Harmony, explained that this bridge adds to New Harmony's World Heritage List application. John Newman made a motion to approve the application to the State and National Registers under Criteria A and C. Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it carried.

8. Woodstock Country Club, 1301 W. 38th St., Indianapolis, Marion County (1902)

There was no discussion. Harry Murphy made a motion to approve the nomination to the State and National Registers under Criteria A and C. William Selm seconded the motion and it carried.

9. Concrete in the Steel City: The Edison Concept Houses of Gary, Indiana Multiple Property Document Form, Gary, Lake Co. (1905)

There was no discussion. John Newman made a motion to approve the nomination to the State and National Registers. Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it carried.

10. Van Buren Terrace Historic District, 336-354 Van Buren St., Gary, Lake County (1906)

Paul Diebold stated that this application would be the first of other potential applications under the multiple property listing document just approved. John Newman stated that he disagreed with the level of significance indicated but agreed that the property should be listed. John Newman made a motion to approve the nomination to the State and National Registers under Criteria A and C at statewide significance. Harry Murphy seconded the motion and it carried.

11. Paoli Historic District (Boundary Increase, Boundary Decrease), Paoli, Orange County (1912)

Frank Hurdis explained that this request to modify the boundary involved an evaluation of the entire district boundary. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Trinkle, property owners in the district, spoke in favor of the nomination. Greg Sekula, Director of Historic Landmark Foundation of Indiana's Southern Regional Office, gave the background that led to the boundary revision request. Joy Menton spoke about the layout of Paoli and houses that are listed in the National Register. Kent Schuette made a motion to deny this application and it failed because there was not a second. Harry Murphy and Julie Donnell expressed the need for more information. Murphy made a motion to table the nomination and possibly arrange a board visit to Paoli. Julie Donnell seconded the motion and it carried.

V. Properties Listed in, Rejected by, or Removed from the National Register since the last Notification

Frank Hurdis stated that all of the properties from the previous agenda had been listed.

VI. Set date for the next meeting

Proposed date: July 25, 2007, IGCS, Conference Room A, 1:30 p.m. (EDT)

